

Holt County Sentinel.

HUMOR AND WIT.

A YANKEE says that prejudices against color are very natural, and yet the prettiest girl he ever knew was Olive Brown.

It is said that a fertile crop of wheat makes a large crop of marriages. If that is true, a good many happy couples will walk up to the "bridle halter" this year.

The Princess Metternich wore a black tulle bonnet trimmed with heart's ease, to the Paris races. It is supposed she had other clothes on, but they are not mentioned.

A YOUNG lady of Cincinnati, just returned from Europe, states as a positive fact, that an aristocratic Englishman inquired of her, if Cincinnati was a slave State!

The Vermont Standard, printed at Woodstock, naively says: "Any improvements noticed in our paper this week, may be attributed to the absence of the editor for a few days."

Why don't you give us a little Greek and Latin occasionally? asked a country deacon of a new minister. "Why, do you understand those languages?" "No, but we pay for the best, and we ought to have it."

An attorney, on being called to account for having acted unprofessionally in taking less than the usual fees from his client, pleaded that he had taken all the man had; he was thereupon honorably acquitted.

A WOMAN from the country, wishing to engage the services of a cabman, addressed him as follows:

"Pray, sir, are you engaged?" "Oh, bless yer sowl, ma'am! I've been married this seven years, and have eight children!"

A GENTLEMAN at the Astor House table, New York, asked the person sitting next to him if he would please pass the mustard. "Sir," said the man, "do you mistake me for a waiter?" "Oh no, sir," was the reply, "I mistook you for a gentleman."

In a storm at sea, when the sailors were all at prayers, expecting every moment to go to the bottom, a passenger appeared quite unconcerned. The captain asked him how he could be so much at ease in this awful situation. "Sir," says the passenger, "my life's insured."

"Come here, my little fellow," said a gentleman to a youngster of five years, while sitting in a parlor, where a large company were assembled. "Do you know me?"

"Yeth thir." "Who am I?" Let me hear?" "You ith the man who kithed mamma when papa wath in New Ark."

The following is the verdict of a negro jury: "We, de undersigned, bein' a Koroner's jury to sit on de body ob de nigger Sambo, now done dead and gone afore us, hab been sittin' on de said nigger aforesaid, and find dat de same dñt, on de night ob de fourteenth ob November, come to def by fallin' from de bridge ob de river in de said river, and brokin his neck, where we find he was subsequently drown, and arterwards washed to de river side, whar we suppose he was froze to def."

Proverbs of the Billings Family—Prescribed by Joshua Billings.

Don't swap with your relations unless you ken afford to give them the big end of the trade.

Marry young, and, if circumstances require it, often.

If you can't git fine cloaths, and education too, git the cloaths fust.

"Say 'how are you?' to everybody.

Kultivate modesty, but mind and have a good stock of impudence on hand.

Be charitable—three cent pieces were made on purpose.

Don't take anybody's advice except your own.

It costs more to borrow than it does to buy.

If a man flatters you, you can kalkilate he is a roag or a fule.

Keep both eyes open, but don't say mor'n half you nose.

When you pray, pray rite to the center of the mark.

Don't mortify the flesh too much; twasn't the sores on Lasserus that sent him up to heaven.

If you itch for faim, go inter a gravevard, and scratch yourself agin a tume-stun.

Yung men, be more anxious about the pedigree yure going to leave, than yu ar about the one somebody left yu.

I wud say to all yung men, "Go in," and to old fellers, "Git out."

As good a way to get rich as any, is to run in debt two hundred thousand dollars, and then go to work and pay your debts. Filosofers tell us the world revolves on its own axis, and Josh Billings tells you that full half the folks on airth think they are the axis.

N. B. These ere proverbs have stood a hundred years, and hain't gin out yet.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

Importance of Wholesome Beds.

Sleep to the working man is emphatically Nature's sweet restorer: reinvigorating the physical system, which through much toil has become weary, and keeping up that flow of life and spirits which are necessary to the performance of the arduous duties of farm life. A comfortable bed, as we are all aware, conduces greatly to one's rest. On this subject a recent writer says:

Of the eight pounds which a man eats and drinks in a day, it is thought that not less than five pounds leave his body through the skin. And of these five pounds a considerable percentage escapes during the night while he is in bed. The larger part of this is water, but in addition there is much effete and poisonous matter. This, being in great part gaseous in form, permeates every part of the bed. Thus all parts of the bed, mattress, blankets, as well as sheets, soon become foul and need purification.

The mattress needs the renovation quite as much as the sheets. To allow the sheets to be used without washing or changing, three or six months, would be regarded as bad housekeeping; but I insist that a thin sheet can absorb enough of the excretions of the body to make it unfit for use in a few days, a thick mattress, which can absorb and retain a thousand times as much of these poisonous excretions, needs to be purified as often certainly as once in three months.

A sheet can be washed. A mattress cannot be renovated in this way. Indeed there is no other way of cleansing a mattress but by steaming it or picking it to pieces and thus in fragments exposing it to the rays of the sun. As these processes are scarcely practicable with any of the ordinary mattresses, I am decidedly of the opinion that the good old-fashioned straw-bed, which can every three months be changed for fresh straw, and the tick be washed, is the sweetest and healthiest of beds.

If in the winter season the porousness of the straw-bed makes it a little uncomfortable, spread over it a comforter, or two woolen blankets which should be washed as often as every two weeks. With this arrangement, if you wash all the bed coverings as often as once in two or three weeks, you will have a delightful, healthy bed.

Now if you leave the bed to air, with open windows during the day, and not make it up for the night before evening, you will have added greatly to the sweetness of your rest, and in consequence to the tone of your health.

I heartily wish this change could be everywhere introduced. Only those who have thus attended to this important matter can judge of its influence on the general health and spirits.

To SETTLE COFFEE.—The genuine article can be nicely settled by beating an egg and stirring it on a batch of coffee just as it is brewed. The coffee must be cool enough so as to not cook the egg. It must be left near the fire long enough to dry. It settles the coffee as well as to use a whole egg every time it is prepared for the table, and does not take near as many dozens in the course of a year. The coffee-pot should stand a few moments after being taken from the stove, or have a little cold water put in.

To MAKE APPLE PUDDING.—Aunt Sue says, "this is a very stylish and simple pudding, prepared as follows: Make some apple sauce, very sweet; spread some slices of bread generously with butter on both sides; line a pudding dish with these slices, (sides and bottom) then pour in your apple sauce, and bake until the bread and butter is nicely browned. When done it should turn out of the pudding dish all standing, but if you are preparing it for company, it is almost sure to turn out ker-stump!"

To ROAST A HAM.—Soak it all night, or put it in hot water all the morning; allow in boiling a quarter of an hour to a pound and a half an hour over; put it to boil in plenty of tepid water; skin and trim it; sift powdered cracker over it in the oven; put cloves over it and bake half an hour in a quick oven. This recipe was obtained from a Philadelphia housekeeper. Do not fail to try it.

FOR DELICATE PIE.—The grated rind and juice of a lemon; one cup powdered sugar; the yolks of three eggs; two tablespoonfuls of flour, two thirds of a cup of water. Take the whites of the three eggs, and three tablespoonfuls of sugar; beat to a froth, and turn it over the pie when baked. Set it in the oven again, and let it remain three minutes. Use but one crust.

To CLEANSE A CISTERN.—Apply two pounds of caustic soda in the water, and in a few hours, it is said, all foulness and unpleasant smell will disappear. Concentrated lye will answer the same purpose.

"It was ever my opinion," says Horace, "that a cheerful, good-natured friend is so great a blessing, that it admits of no comparison but itself."

FARM AND GARDEN.

Requisites in Cheese Making.

One of the means employed to give cheese a rich cream color, is to expose the curd before and after salting, to the air, instead of hurrying it into the hoop and press, as is usual with the majority of dairymen. Every cheese-maker must have noticed the fine golden color, acquired by particles of curd that have accidentally remained out of the hoop, and been exposed during the day to the atmosphere. This is the precise color desired by the dealers, and in warm weather, an exposure long enough is practicable and the appearance of the curd can be materially changed for the better, by letting it remain in the vat, or tub, until it has acquired the proper temperature for the press. It is always preferable to cool the curd in this way, instead of using water-cold whey on the curd, as is sometimes done for this purpose, as these last have a tendency to impoverish the cheese by washing out a portion of its richness, besides injuring somewhat its flavor. Fine flavor, quality, and the proper texture in cheese, are important requisites to ready sales and good prices, but all these may be present and yet the cheese sell low in market, from its bad appearance. The eye must be suited as well as the taste, and it is difficult to make the consumer believe that pale, white cheese is as rich as that which has a fine cream color.

Again many dairymen are troubled, more or less in preserving a smooth, elastic rind—the rind checks, and deep cracks are found here and there in the cheese. This results often, and for the most part, from the air being allowed to blow on the young cheeses; cheese, when it comes from the press, and for several days after, or until the rind has a firm consistency, should be kept where the air may not blow directly upon it, and washing the cheese twice a week with hot sweet whey, will add much to its outward appearance.

Annato is in general use during the spring and fall for coloring milk for cheese making, but as much of it is adulterated with poisonous materials, its use should be avoided in summer when the desired color to the cheese can be obtained as described above.—[Country Gentleman.

Buckwheat.

The buckwheat crop is one which, during the coming season, should be largely cultivated. Every available acre of land should be brought into profitable play during these times, in order that the resources of the country may be fully developed, and its prosperity increased. Amongst the means of adding to our resources, we may name the cultivation of buckwheat. This grain may be grown on land which is too poor to produce almost any other crop, and especially upon that which has been cropped and not manured, as wheat stubble of the present year.

It is contended by some that buckwheat is an exhausting crop; but it is doubtful whether it exceeds, in this particular, any of the other cereals. Where such results are anticipated, it may be well to apply a dressing of bone dust, super-phosphate, or, what has been found to be equally advantageous, leached ashes. It is not well to have the soil too rich, or to apply manures of a highly stimulating character to this crop, as the stalks become too rank, fall to the ground, and light seed and small quantity are the consequences, besides great difficulty in curing, as the stem of the plant is very succulent.

The proper time for cutting buckwheat is important. If delayed till fully ripe, a great portion of the seed will be lost, as it readily separates from the stem. If, on the other hand, it is cut too soon, there is great difficulty in curing the succulent stalks. Probably the best time for cutting is when some of the seeds only are fully ripened, but under any circumstances, there will be a loss of seed, in consequence of the irregularity of the ripening. In sowing it is well not to seed too thickly. From half a bushel to three pecks per acre will be found sufficient as a general rule.

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